

Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Transit Van Maintenance Facility Conference Room

4:15-5:45 p.m., May 15, 2013

Discussion Highlights & Points of Agreement:

Attendance - Plan Steering Committee:

David Foster, Peggy Elliott, Susan Estes, Joe Johnson, Dustin Kuhn, John McKay, Cindy Miles, Randy Oliver, Richard Ranzau, James Roseboro, Gary Schmitt, Kurt Yowell.

Attendance - Project Staff:

Stephen Banks, Dave Barber, Scott Knebel, Jess McNeely, John Schlegel, Scott Wadle

1. Welcome and Introductions -

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peggy Elliott.

2. Presentation and Discussion on the Results of the WSU Community Survey -

Dr. Mark Glaser presented results and highlights of the WSU community survey. Glaser said that the overall survey results indicated relatively high levels of willingness to put legitimate community best interests above individual self-interests; high levels of intergeneration support (balancing current generation needs with future generation needs); and, high levels of support for creating opportunity for all segments of the community.

Glaser responded to several questions from Committee members regarding the wording and language used in the survey instrument. Concerns were raised that people responding to survey questions may have had different levels of perspective, ideology, understanding, awareness and interpretations of the survey topics and language/wording used. Glaser agreed but indicated that the survey results are highly statistically significant and very representative of the community. Nevertheless, the survey results are not the answer ... they are just the beginning of the community dialogue. Additional community discussion and clarification needs to occur on the various issues/topics contained in the survey.

Dave Barber presented graphics that compared similarities and differences between the community-wide responses and those of the plan steering committee. Notable differences were much higher levels of steering committee support for investments in downtown redevelopment and freeway expansion; and, lower levels of steering committee support for investment in transit.

3. Overview and Committee Discussion on 'Return on Investment' and 'Community Risk Minimization' Guiding Principles -

Scott Knebel and Jess McNeely provided Committee members with a brief overview of the Plan's guiding principles of 'maximizing return on public dollar investment in public infrastructure' while 'minimizing community risks', and how these principles can guide the scenario development process. David Foster thought it would be interesting if staff could provide a handout that identified the scenario that best maximized the return on public investment in infrastructure, and best minimized community risks.

4. Committee Open Discussion -

The Committee agreed to meet twice in June. The first meeting in June will be a review and discussion of the building blocks/tools that the Committee will use in the scenario development process. The second meeting (at the MAPD offices) will be a hands-on workshop session where Committee members will actually begin the process of developing alternative community scenarios.

5. Other Business -

None

6. Set Next Steering Committee Meeting -

June 5, 2013, 4:15-5:45 p.m. at the Transit Van Maintenance Facility Conference Room.

7. Comments from Public Attendees -

Karl Peterjohn raised several concerns regarding the validity and objectiveness of the WSU community survey and the associated response results. Elliott suggested that Peterjohn meet with Glaser after the meeting to discuss these concerns in more detail with him.

8. Adjourned -

5:50 p.m.